

In responding to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, Applicants use the amendment format as described in 37 C.F.R. §1.121. Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the original title with the following:

-- A Closure Having An Annular Sealing Band For Preventing Leakage Due to Part Line Flash or Surface Mismatch--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings Section, please replace the description of Figure 5 with the following description:

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a Figure 5 is an enlarged side elevational view of the portion "5" of the closure in Figure 2, showing the sealing bands.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1 and 2.

Please replace claim 3 with the following claim 3:

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a 3. (Amended) A closure for threaded engagement with a container and capable of engagement with a gasket located between said closure and said container, the closure comprising:

a cap portion,